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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2015

Approved
6/22/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT (<i>cont.</i>)	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Michael Johnson, Esq, Co-Chair	Ted Liso	Kevin Donnelly	Carolyn Echols-Watson
Ricky Rosales, Co-Chair	Mario Pérez, MPH		Dawn McClendon
Al Ballesteros, MBA	Richard Zaldivar		Jane Nachazel
Aaron Fox, MPM			James Stewart
Grissel Granados, MSW			
Joseph Green	MEMBERS ABSENT		
AJ King, MPH	Terry Smith, MPA		DHSP STAFF
Bradley Land	Fariba Younai, DDS		Kyle Baker

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- 2) **Minutes:** Executive Committee Minutes, 12/11/2014
- 3) **Letter:** Comments to March 30, 2015 Draft Response to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Regarding Possible Creation of a Health Agency, 5/15/2015
- 4) **Table:** Commission on HIV/DHSP Work Plan, 5/29/2015
- 5) **Report Outline:** Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) Task Force, Annual Board Report Outline, 5/29/2015
- 6) **Flyer:** LA Trans Health Summit, Creating Comprehensive Services for the Trans Community, 6/1/2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order (***Passed by Consensus***).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Approve 12/11/2014 Executive Committee meeting minutes, as presented (***Passed by Consensus***).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT (*Non-Agendized or Follow-Up*):** There were no comments.
5. **COMMITTEE COMMENT (*Non-Agendized or Follow-Up*):** There were no comments.
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT-LARGE OPEN NOMINATIONS:** Mr. Stewart reported current nominations were: Mr. Donnelly; Ms. Granados; Tony Mills, MD; Juan Rivera; Mr. Smith; Kevin Stalter; Will Watts, Esq.
7. **DIVISION OF HIV AND STD PROGRAMS (DHSP) REPORT:**
 - Mr. Pérez reported the Ryan White award was received in the last week with a \$1.7 million increase compared to last year. Approximately \$1.1 million of the increase was in the supplemental, competitive part of the award. While a compliment to the work, the increase will place greater pressure on PP&A to effectively utilize resources in the new ACA environment.
 - Mr. Johnson asked if DHSP had cross-walked the scope of services in the Ryan White system with services in the LA Care and Health Net systems to identify gaps. Mr. Pérez replied there have been some comparisons although not a strict service-to-service cross-walk with those or other systems. He felt review should go beyond that to explore service delivery.

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- Mr. Johnson sought to ensure the Commission was agile enough to identify PLWH who have migrated, but still need retention in care services that may not be covered by their new plans. Some parts of the County, in particular, have less robust delivery systems or have network sufficiency issues. A full cross-walk of plan models would admittedly be difficult, but he felt it would provide essential information on where needs were greatest to target the additional resources.
- Mr. King asked about the RFPs. Mr. Pérez replied two sister County departments were reviewing them. He has asked Dr. Michael Green to increase advocacy for one RFP particularly and Mr. Pérez was following up with calls.

8. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:

A. Executive Director (ED) Position Update:

- Mr. Johnson reported the final job description was approved by the Executive Office (EO) and a selection process was in place. Per County practice, the County will evaluate whether applications meet minimum requirements before forwarding those that do to the hiring authority - in this case, the Commission and EO jointly.
- A series of interviews will be conducted with Commission leadership, DHSP, Board Office representatives and on subject matter expertise with a Co-Chair from each Committee. The EO will then select a final candidate slate. The Executive Committee will interview finalists and make a recommendation to the EO which will make the final decision.
- Mr. Zaldivar questioned conflicts of interest since the Commission Co-Chairs negotiated the process with the EO. Mr. Johnson said neither he nor Mr. Rosales were applying, but the EO had authority to resolve any conflicts. The ED is a County employee and the EO maintains managerial oversight though Commission Co-Chairs technically oversee work.
- The County usually makes such appointments directly so this process is unique. The purpose of interviews is to ensure the final candidate can engage well not just with County departments, but with the community, the Commission and Board Offices. The Commission Co-Chairs advocated for robust engagement despite the urgency.

B. Los Angeles Health Agency Work Group:

- 1) **Commission's Recommendations to 3/30/2015 Draft BOS Response to Possible Creation of a Health Agency:** The two recommendations are: 1. creation of an independent Community Integrated Health Advisory Committee accountable directly to the Board and assessment; and 2. incorporation of the role of community partners in health integration as indispensable components of County service delivery. The final letter was in the packet.

C. Commission/DHSP 2015 Work Plan:

- Ms. McClendon said the Operational Budget has been adjusted, Finalization is pending Ryan White award review.
- The Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) Task Force was drafting a framework for the Annual Report to Board.
- Dr. Green agreed to provide DHSP's RFP Schedule at the last Executive meeting. That was added to the Plan.
- Mr. Pérez agreed to update Commission Co-Chairs on PrEP Scale-Up at the last Executive meeting. Dr. Sonali Kulkarni will present a framework update at the May Commission meeting.
- The Assessment of the Administrative Mechanism (AAM) Scope of Work (SOW) was approved by the Operations and Executive Committees. Mr. Pérez was assisting Ms. McClendon in finalizing the SOW.
- Yeghishe Nazinyan, MS, MD will provide a Los Angeles County Coordinated HIV Needs Assessment (LACHNA) update and draft survey questions at the 6/16/2015 PP&A meeting.
- PP&A made a request at its May meeting for DHSP to provide an HIV/STD Epidemiological Profile Presentation.
- The CHP Task Force decided at its last meeting to refer to Operations the task to Secure HRSA Technical Assistance (TA) for Systems/Organizational Psychologist. TA will incorporate training. Dr. Green will assist in developing the SOW.
- The CHP Task Force agreed at its last meeting to solicit prior consultant Claire Hustead to help with the Comprehensive HIV Plan revision due by September 2016. Ms. Hustead has agreed and the Task Force is developing the SOW.
- Operations continues work to revise the Membership Training Plan.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Operations Committee:

- 1) **Membership Drive - 2nd Cohort Update:** Mr. King reported the drive had begun to fill the 24 open seats for this cohort. Commission members have submitted 10 renewal applications with 3 additional members applying and 5 who have not yet replied. There were also 6 new applicants. Interviews were scheduled through June.
- 2) **New Member Training/Orientation:** A one-day training/orientation was planned for August 2015. The focus will be foundational, e.g., explaining the differences among Ryan White, the CDC and the County. Additional capacity training will be built onto this foundation for both new and continuing Commission members as needs are identified.

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B. Planning, Priorities and Allocations (PP&A) Committee:

1) FY 24 Re-Allocations:

- Mr. Land said PP&A reviewed current YR 24 expenditures with Dave Young at its last meeting. It recommends this motion to the Commission: Recommend allocation of approximately \$828,000 from Net County Cost Residential Services to YR 24 Ryan White Part A Housing Services and approximately \$869,000 from Net County Cost Residential Services to YR 24 Ryan White Part B Housing Services to maximize the Ryan White Part A and B awards.
- ➔ Approve the motion as noted to go forward to the Commission.
- ➔ Ms. McClendon will ensure the conflicts-of-interest list is in the Commission packet.

2) Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Framework:

- Mr. Ballesteros reported there was a conference call the prior week regarding available funding and past uses.
- There was consensus to target MAI funds to populations identified as having high rates of unmet need, who have dropped out of care or who are not virally suppressed. Most are likely to be MAI populations, but more data was needed to clarify which populations to target. The data was expected in the next week or so.
- There was also consensus to make outreach a focal point. Carlos Vega-Matos was asked to discuss an MAI patient composite and possible outreach approaches. One or two more meetings will finalize recommendations.

3) Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) Task Force:

a) CHP Revisions:

- Mr. Land said the Task Force met this last week. There was general agreement that it was important to have a clear vision prior to engaging a consultant or developing the Annual Report to the Board.
- Consistent with "An HIV Free Generation," the Task Force developed a vision statement for a five-year plan: "Getting to Zero by 2 - 0 (2020)." It recommends the statement to the Commission for approval.
- As noted earlier, the Task Force also agreed to seek Ms. Hustead as consultant on the CHP revision.
- Mr. Fox noted the CHP has its own requirements and time frames while a vision is created more organically. They are not necessarily the same. Mr. Land replied the CHP can, however, be informed by a vision and it can filter into other activities such as working to increase stakeholder involvement and coordination.
- Mr. Baker said the California HIV Alliance discussed a zero infections statewide option over the last six months. Attendees only wanted to initiate something that had teeth and Governor, Legislature and various state entity support for the major resources required. There was little interest from most jurisdictions.
- Mr. Fox agreed, while advocates were committed, the political will was not there, e.g., the Governor said just recently there would be no funding increase and Office of AIDS leadership was minimal. San Francisco could initiate action more easily due to political support and jurisdiction differences, e.g., its size and demographics.
- The California HIV/AIDS Research Program (CHRP) is reviewing options for developing a state plan to end AIDS. CHRP has identified the government people whose buy-in will be needed to initiate a plan. Such buy-in will be essential to get the teeth and resources needed. That would be difficult in the current climate.
- Mr. Johnson said a plan will never have teeth unless the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) invests in the process. It is somewhat more insulated from political pressure than other departments. The DMHC drives other conversations when it targets something on a quality care and a case management basis. There may be a way to drive progress through a regulatory, rather than political, approach through the DMHC.
- Mr. Pérez said the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) was the single largest supporter of HIV care for California PLWH. Any statewide vision statement will need to have DHCS both at the table and a prominent focus on the performance of that system while not ignoring its woeful underfunding.
- Other partners also must be involved, e.g., the system of Federally Qualified Health Centers and the AIDS service community as well as the entire Ryan White system.

b) Annual Board Report:

- The Task Force agreed to keep the Annual Report to the Board simple to serve as a foundation for work going forward. Dr. Nazinyan can help the Task Force populate the items with data provided by Amy Wohl, MPH, PhD. The data points can then be measured going forward.
- Mr. Pérez said the Ordinance expects an annual report on the County's response to the HIV epidemic which has been done periodically in the past. There is renewed commitment for a report this year.
- A grand County vision for the HIV epidemic is a separate issue. Discussions about getting to zero are common here and around the country. They gain media attention, but generally lack detail, e.g., resource deployment, capacity and significant changes to local policy. He was a little reticent to support a grand vision.

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- He preferred making a statement that can be backed up with specific deliverables over a five-plan with clear accountability and metrics to enable analysis of any goals not achieved. One approach is 90/90/90 - 90% of PLWH diagnosed, 90% retention in care and 90% virally suppressed. Zero new infections would require a radical change countywide far beyond available resources as well as core support from elected officials.
- He noted Dr. Wohl was mentioned several times. It is important to check with her on availability.
- Mr. Johnson noted some half of patients have migrated to other care systems. He recommended including development of a robust engagement with groups such as the Community Clinic Association.
- Mr. King said the Task Force also included PrEP activities in the dashboards as part of the Continuum.
- ② Executive accepted the Task Force recommendation to remove the conference room posters. The Los Angeles County Dashboard, per the Annual Report to the Board, will be converted into a poster to replace them.

- c) **HRSA Technical Assistance Opportunities:** There was no additional discussion.

C. Public Policy Committee:

1) State Budget - FY 2015-2016 May Revision:

- Mr. Fox reported it appears advocacy to modernize the ADAP system and stabilize OA-HIPP was successful.
- The Assembly and Senate have passed budgets and a conference committee addressed health issues that day. Both bodies supported increasing ADAP eligibility to 500% Federal Poverty Level and adjusting it for household size as well as an increase of \$2 million for ADAP enrollment which will hopefully support OA-HIPP ADAP enrollment.
- There was less certainty about \$3 million to support PrEP navigators. The Assembly funded the \$3 million while the Senate funded it at \$2.2 million. The difference was being negotiated.
- The Governor said in the May Revise that he would include those eligible for DACA in Medi-Cal. That does not include those under the second executive order. While it likely will not impact many Ryan White clients, it does signal that the Governor was being pushed by the Legislature to include more undocumented. Senator Lara, e.g., has a bill that would allow the undocumented to buy into Covered California if the federal government agreed.
- The Senate also would like to fully restore Denti-Cal to pre-2009 levels. A hepatitis C proposal for test kits failed.
- Overall, the Governor has said he was opposed to spending new General Fund dollars on public health. The Legislature was more supportive. Last year \$3 million was funded for HIV demonstration projects. The ask was similar this year. Funding of \$10 million for high prevalence STD services failed in conference.
- Congresswoman Roybal-Allard met with some 20 community clinics and representatives from Medical and Health and Human Services. The Medi-Cal representative said the last five years focused on access while the next five will focus on service value and quality with performance outcome measures rolling out over the period.
- The Legislature's budget was due to the Governor by 6/15/2015. The Governor must sign it by 7/1/2015.

D. Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee: A special 6/10/2015 meeting will finalize items for the June Commission.

1) Standards of Care (SOCs) Publication Update: Ms. Granados said SOCs were in final editing and formatting.

10. CAUCUS REPORTS:

A. Consumer Caucus:

- Mr. Land reported the Office of AIDS requested the Caucus provide a letter of support for the state letter to HRSA requesting a waiver from the 75% core medical funding requirement. The Caucus added language on maximizing the Part B grant, implementing biomedical interventions to prevent new infections and creating a plan to end HIV.
- Mr. Baker said the proposed language sparked discussion concerning the appropriateness of the forum for those points, despite their value, since the letter will go not just to the state, but to HRSA which would not be receptive.
- Mr. Land said the points were removed from the letter. The Caucus will discuss other options to address them.

1) Outreach via Mobile Applications:

- Mr. Land said this subject has been discussed both locally and nationally. The Caucus referred it to Public Policy. The Caucus as a whole was interested in addressing the issue, but Eric Sanjurjo has a particular interest in it and carried the request to Public Policy. He did not find the response sufficient.
- Mr. Land felt Commission members often do not appreciate they do not own issues once they are brought to the table. The body then owns them and may ask probing questions on operationalizing them.
- Mr. Rosales attended the meeting and felt the request unclear. Mr. Zaldivar said Public Policy supported the subject, but were unclear about Public Policy's role at that point. Ms. Nachazel elaborated, e.g., if particular status categories were desirable then perhaps SBP needed to determine those as a basis for advocacy to vendors.

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- Mr. Land said the Caucus felt dating applications could be more sensitive to status, e.g., with options for undetectable or on PrEP, and community education, e.g., via a forum could improve effective use. Mr. Liso said the key goal was to improve disclosure by improving when you can state HIV status and how you are asked about it.
- Mr. Ballesteros said applications offered opportunities and challenges. A presentation might inform on the issue.
- Mr. Pérez said SBP might be the appropriate body to tease out, e.g., applications' role as an intervention to engage people in care. At the state level, Dan Wohlfeiler, MJ, MPH, Chief, Office of Policy, Communications and Planning, STD Control Branch, Department of Public Health, has engaged vendors of dating applications for several years to better partner with public health and adopt standards to support people accurately disclosing their status.
- Ms. Granados heard two separate themes: 1. use of applications as an intervention which is an SBP issue; and 2. stigma concerning use of applications which pertains more to advocacy which is a Public Policy issue.
- Mr. Pérez said his original thoughts pertained to interventions. Disclosure opens a much broader conversation starting with gay men in the County concerning community norms, sexual health and what behavior will dramatically promote HIV and STD sexual health among those who use the applications.
- Mr. Fox noted Public Policy held a strategic conversation some four months ago. The Committee determined it would focus on areas in which it can have a palpable impact rather than areas beyond its sphere of influence.
- Consequently, it questioned whether dating applications was an appropriate Public Policy issue and one it could impact. The Committee was concerned to respond to the Caucus, but requested feedback on clarifying questions.
- ➡ Recommendation to add to training/orientation how issues move from ownership of the Commission member who poses them to the body once they are brought to the table.
- ➡ Request update from Mr. Wohlfeiler on state activities pertaining to dating applications.
- ➡ The Caucus will clarify goals around the subject of dating applications and, in particular, respond to questions posed by Public Policy: What are specific recommendations? What role can Public Policy play in addressing the issue versus other bodies? Should the Commission address this issue versus other entities such as DHSP?

B. Transgender Caucus:

- 1) **Trans Health Summit - 6/30/2015:** The Summit at St. Anne's Maternity Home was fully subscribed with 250 RSVPs.

C. Youth Caucus:

- The Caucus was developing a survey on availability of services for youth including, but not exclusive to, HIV. Mr. Johnson felt more data on where youth, especially high-risk youth, access primary care would be helpful for PP&A.
- ➡ DHSP will provide information on available service data for youth 13 to 24 for consideration of what may be useful.

11. NEXT STEPS:

A. Task/Assignment Recap: There was no additional discussion.

B. Agenda Development for 6/11/2015 Commission Meeting:

- General: Executive Committee At-Large elections.
 - PP&A: FY 24 Re-Allocations motion as noted above.
 - SBP: Motions on the Population-Specific Guidelines Format, the Continuum of HIV Services (Revised) and Service Category Clusters.
 - ➡ Provide brief overview of allocation votes including the context of migration and underspending re-allocations especially to inform new Commission members.
- 1) **BAI Workforce Survey Results Presentation:** There was no additional discussion.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Fox said his bill from the Los Angeles LGBT Center just passed the California Senate 35 to 1.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.